

Leicester,
Thursd. Evng

Dear friend Garrison:

Feb. 6, 1879

I lose not a mail in sending you the enclosed p. card, to hand this evng, that you may be saved any further trouble in inquiries for Dr. Mann's daughter. 'Tis a shabby looking card, but goes just as it comes to me. — The Dr. is not behaving right, I fear.

I had arranged to go to the meeting, last Monday evng., on the need of better laws for Insane Asylums, &c., before I knew the G. Thompson meeting was to be held. Meeting Chas. Mitchell (at Frank's office) that noon, he invited me to come ^{to it}, & gave me a ticket, wh. I then thought I might use; & should have been glad to hear you & others, & see the (few) old friends and the many new ones. Of course the meeting did not come up to your idea of what a G. T. meeting in Boston ought to be, when you first had it in mind; but I judge it to have ^{been} a very creditable ^{& satisfactory} one to the young people who got it up, & an interesting one in itself. Mr. Wetters's letter, admirable. I have not seen what Mrs. Child wrote, nor any but the most meagre report of your address.

At the "Insane" meeting, S. E. Sewall presided.

He did not seem to have carefully prepared his address,

and made very poor work in opening the case. He was followed by 2 young men, the former of whom spoke clearly, distinctly, & fairly well, the other was so thick of speech & jerky in manner that I could catch but little of his remarks; - it w^d. seem he had himself once feigned madness, & was pronounced by a physician to be in a very bad way, & sent to an asylum, where he endured much suffering & many indignities. How he cleared up his case, & got released, I couldn't make out. It was late before Wendell began his speech, (wh. was all there was of point & effectiveness in the meeting.) He put the case ^{against the laws of Mass^{ts}} very strongly, as his wont is, and made I think a strong impression. - It is a subject I have been greatly interested in, for several years. One of the cases which W. P. mentioned in much detail, I was personally knowing to; & Mr. Sewall was the lady's counsel. It was a most shameful business; the lady's husband a villain, all through & through. - I am sorry to have seemed indifferent to a George Thompson meeting; but when the other was over, it was quite too late to go over to Mr. Russell W.

affly Yrs. L. M.